



# *Committee on Soccer Fields*

November 27, 2012 - 7:00 p.m. - **Agenda**  
City Council Chamber, Room 213, Municipal Building

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1. Written Motion, City Council President David Alves, requesting that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings meet with the representatives of the Administration and Park Department to discuss the development of one adult and one youth soccer field on the land under Route 195, West of Route 18, with access from the Cedar Grove Street Railroad underpass; in the light of the increasing demand and limited access to soccer fields, this land area, once planned and developed, would provide a valuable resource to the community and take advantage of an area that is available and will not present a noise problem to neighborhood residents. (Ref'd 11/8/07, 11/10/09, 6/22/10 – Refer to the Special Committee on Soccer Fields)

***INVITEES: DPI Commissioner Ron Labelle; Superintendent of Parks Kevin Amaral***

2. Written Motion, Councillor Alves, requesting on behalf of the numerous youth and adult soccer players and their families and in light of the tremendous shortage of soccer fields in the City of New Bedford, that we once again ask the Administration and our State Legislative Delegation (specifically Representative William M. Straus) to work to acquire what this Councillor has been told is State-owned land under Rt. 195, west of Rt. 18, from Coggeshall Street to the Weld Street exit ramp, which could be fenced off for security and safety, with access by the Cedar Grove Rail Bridge with the access opening off of Purchase Street, offering enough room for two to three soccer fields and ample parking for vehicles of those using the area. (Ref'd 6/28/12)

***INVITEES: DPI Commissioner Ron Labelle; Superintendent of Parks Kevin Amaral***

3. Written Motion, Councillors Alves, Saunders, Council President Martins, Councillors Gomes, Lopes, Oliveira, Coelho, Lawrence and Gonsalves requesting, that the Special Committee on Soccer Fields, meet with Representatives of the Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School, along with the Superintendent Enos and Athletic Department, Club Recordacoes, Board of Park Commissioners and City Solicitor Markey, to discuss by what authority the Park Board had by transferring the field on Morton Avenue, which was under an agreement between the City Council and the federal government in exchange for the original field that Club Recordacoes used on Sawyer Street, and said field was assigned to Club Recordacoes by the City Council with a long-term lease. (Ref'd 10/11/12)

***INVITEES: Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech Superintendant Linda Enos; Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech Athletic Department Director/Coach Leonard Sylvia; Club Recordacoes President Azulino Quavros; Park Board Chairman Peter Boswell; City Solicitor John A. Markey; Superintendent of Parks Kevin Amaral***

4. Related Motion, Councillor Saunders, requesting that the Special Committee on Soccer Fields address the maintenance issues at Riverside Park Soccer Field. (Ref'd 11/8/12)

***INVITEES: DPI Commissioner Ron Labelle; Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech Superintendant Linda Enos; Superintendent of Parks Kevin Amaral***

5. Written Motion, Councillor Alves, requesting that the City Solicitor investigate if the City of New Bedford still owns any of the land located at the end of Morton Avenue, which was once designated as a proposed site for additional soccer fields and if the land was transferred to any Organization proposing to develop a soccer field, what were the conditions attached to the transfer said land that has remained vacant and undeveloped for over ten years, a travesty in light of the tremendous demand for fields in the area, and the number of community organizations offering to assist the City of New Bedford in developing fields for youth and community players;

and further, that the City Solicitor submit a report to the City Council's Special Committee on Soccer Fields as soon as possible to be placed on the next Committee's agenda for discussion. (Ref'd 11/20/12)

***INVITEES: City Solicitor John A. Markey; Greater New Bedford Youth Soccer President Dane Vieira; Superintendent of Parks Kevin Amaral***